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1. WE QUOTE BELOW A REPORT ON SOVIET REACTION TO THE CIEC FROM THE CANADIAN EMBASSY MOSCOW, CIRCULATED BY THE CANADIAN ECONAD (MCNAB). BEGIN TEXT. --CIEC-BREZHNEV COMMENTS. SOVIET PRESS MAINTAINED ITS PREDICATABLE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TO CIEC WITH LEAD-UP ARTICLES ENTITLED QUOTE DEEP-GOING CONTRADICTIONS UNQUOTE AND POST MORTEMES SUCH AS QUOTE DIFFERENCES REMAIN UNQUOTE. ON FRONT PAGE OF PRAVDA YESTERDAY BREZHNEV HIMSELF DEVOTED PART OF A LENGTHY QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH JAPANESE NEWSPAPER ASAHI SHIMBUN TO NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

WHEN ASKED FOR HIS POINT OF VIEW ON NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEM BREZHNEV ANSWERED QUOTE YOU HAVE USED TERM SOUTH-NORTH. EVIDENTLY, IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD AS APPLYING TO RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NO/NO MATTER ON WHICH SIDE OF EQUATOR THEY ARE SITUATED, AND ADVANCED
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CAPITALIST STATES.

OUR STAND ON THIS QUESTION IS CLEARLY DEFINED. SOVIET UNION SUPPORTS DEMANDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR RESTRUCTURING OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS ON A JUST AND DEMOCRATIC BASIS. THIS MEANS, ABOVE ALL, THAT PROCESS OF ELIMINATING COLONIALISM MUST BE EXTENDED TO ECONOMIC

SPHERE AND THAT OPPRESSION BY IMPERIALIST MULTINATIONS
AND EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES OF
DEVELOPING STATES BY ADVANCED CAPITALIST COUNTRIES MUST
BE ENDED. UNQUOTE.

BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT CLEARLY SPELLED OUT SOVIET VIEW THAT
IT IS CAPITALIST COUNTRIES THAT CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR LDCS
AND THUS MUST SOLVE THEM BY STOPPING SUPPOSED NEO-
COLONIALIST EXPLOITATION. AFTER ONLY PARTIAL SUCCESS OF
CIEC WHICH SOVIETS HOWEVER DESCRIBED IN PURELY NEGATIVE
TERMS BY PLACING ALL EMPHASIS ON TWENTY ONE POINTS OF
DISAGREEMENT SOVIETS APPEAR TO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT NORTH-
SOUTH DIALOGUE WILL NOT/NOT BRING ABOUT NEW ECONOMIC
ORDER. THIS BEING SO THEY CAN SIT BACK AND CRITICIZE WHILE
MAKING FLOWERLY EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL THAT COST THEM
NOTHING. END TEXT.

2. THE TONE OF THE CANADIAN COMMENT (PARA 3 IN TEXT)
PARALLELS THE SKEPTICAL TACK THEY HAVE TAKEN HERE THUS
FAR IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF THE SOV/EE
COUNTRIES IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. STREATOR

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